

ADVANCEMENT OF PEACE

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The President of the United States of America and His Majesty the King of Norway, being desirous to strengthen the bonds of amity that bind them together and also to advance the cause of general peace, have resolved to enter into a treaty for that purpose, and to that end have appointed as their plenipotentiaries:

The President of the United States, William Jennings Bryan, Secretary of State of the United States; and

His Majesty the King of Norway, H. H. Bryn, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Norway to the United States;

Who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, found to be in proper form, have agreed upon and concluded the following articles:

ARTICLE I

The High Contracting Parties agree that all disputes between them of every nature whatsoever shall, when diplomatic methods of adjustment have failed, be referred for investigation and report to a Permanent International Commission; provided, however, that treaties in force between the two parties do not prescribe settlement by arbitration of such dispute.

The Commission shall be constituted in the manner prescribed in the next succeeding article.

The High Contracting Parties agree not to declare war or begin hostilities during such investigation and before the report is submitted.

¹ TS 599½, *post*, p. 459.

ARTICLE II

The International Commission shall be composed of five members, to be appointed as follows: One member shall be chosen from each country by the Government thereof; one member shall be chosen by each Government from some third country; the fifth member, who shall be the chairman of the Commission, shall be chosen by common agreement between the two Governments, it being understood that he shall not be a citizen of either country nor a resident in either of them. If an agreement is not reached as to this appointment, the fifth member shall be chosen according to the rules laid down in Art. 87 of the Convention signed at The Hague on October 18, 1907,² for the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes.

The expenses of the Commission shall be paid by the two Governments in equal proportion.

The International Commission shall be appointed within four months after the exchange of the ratifications of this treaty;³ vacancies to be filled according to the manner of the original appointment.

Unless otherwise agreed between the parties, the procedure of the International Commission shall be regulated by the prescriptions contained in Chapter III of the Convention mentioned above.

ARTICLE III

In case the High Contracting Parties shall have failed to adjust a dispute by diplomatic methods, and the dispute is not to be settled by arbitration, the Parties shall at once refer it to the International Commission for investigation and report.

The International Commission may, however, spontaneously offer its services to that effect, and in such case it shall notify both Governments and request their cooperation in the investigation.

The High Contracting Parties agree to furnish the Permanent International Commission with all the means and facilities required for its investigation and report.

The report of the International Commission shall be completed as soon as possible and at the latest within one year after the date on which the Commission shall declare its investigation to have begun, unless the High Contracting Parties shall extend or limit the time by mutual agreement. The report shall be prepared in triplicate; one copy shall be presented to each Government, and the third retained by the Commission for its files.

ARTICLE IV

The High Contracting Parties agree that, upon the receipt of the report of the International Commission, they will immediately endeavor to adjust

² TS 536, *ante*, vol. 1, p. 577.

³ For an agreement of Jan. 7 and 12, 1915, extending time for appointment of Commission, see TS 599½, *post*, p. 459.

the dispute directly between them upon the basis of the Commission's findings. They reserve, however, the right to act independently on the subject matter of the dispute after the report of the Commission shall have been submitted.

ARTICLE V

The present treaty shall be ratified by the President of the United States of America, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof, and by His Majesty the King of Norway.

The ratifications shall be exchanged at Washington as soon as possible.

The treaty shall take effect immediately after the exchange of ratifications and shall continue in force for a period of five years; and it shall thereafter remain in force until twelve months after one of the High Contracting Parties have given notice to the other of an intention to terminate it.

In witness whereof the respective plenipotentiaries have signed the present treaty and have affixed thereunto their seals.

Done in duplicate, in the English and Norwegian languages, at Washington, this 24th day of June, 1914.

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN	[SEAL]
HELMER H. BRYN	[SEAL]